Withdrawal of History text books

643. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a three-member panel to review the History school books;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report;

(c) whether any action has been taken to withdraw the existing History text books; and

(d) whether Government would take immediate action to withdraw these History text books instead of omitting objectionable passages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) A decision will be taken keeping the interest of every stakeholdr in mind.

Admission in Medical, Engineering and Dental courses

644. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the so called 'educational consultants' or touts ubiquitous at hotels, college campuses, coffee houses etc. are busy selling medical, dental and engineering seats to gullible students;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that these 'educational consultants' promise seats even under those quotas which have been scrapped;

(c) if so, whether Government have made any investigations in this matter; and

(d) the action Government propose to take to curb such illegal admissions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, on receipt of specific complaints in this regard appropriate action will be taken.

Education for All

645. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'Education for Ali' programme has not been successful in a number of States on account of low rate of teacher appointments;

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the funds allocated for the programme and spent since its inception, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the measures Government propose to take to make the programme a success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Centrally sponsored programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan commenced in
2001-2002, and came into full operation from 2002-03. As much, it is too early to judge its success or otherwise.

State-wise, year-wise information of funds released and spent is given in the enclosed statement *{See* below). Whenever progress of any individual component of the programme is found to be inadequate in a State, the matter is taken up with the State Govt., and efforts are made to accelerate progress.